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By Express Mail.

W. Maxwell acquainted with the public Deposit.

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To

Edmund Forstall, Esq.

Treasurer of Branch Mint

New Orleans.

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Mint of the United States,
Feb. 28th. 1838.

Sir,

A letter received by me this morning, from the Secretary of the Treasury, has the following paragraph.

"I will thank you to correspond with the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans, and ascertain what is the smallest sum which will be required there for the purchase of bullion for coinage, and whether it had better be supplied to the Branch, or remain on deposite at the Mint to redeem the Branch Mint certificates as may be required."

This communication is made in consequence of a letter to the Secretary from your Treasurer, Mr. Forstall, dated the 13th inst., and which had been referred to me for my opinion. In this letter Mr. Forstall applies for a public deposite under the proviso in Sect. 12 of the law of July 1836, regulating the deposites of public moneys; and the Secretary of the Treasury proposed to me the sum of "20, or 30, 000 dollars," which I informed him that I considered entirely inadequate.

You know however, that the Treasury is far from being rich in Coin at present, and that it is therefore necessary to limit your deposite to the minimum which may be sufficient for your purposes. With this circumstance in view, I will thank you to give mean early answer to the question proposed by Mr. Modbury.

Very respectfully,

your faithful Servant,

R. M. Patterson

Director.

To,

David S Bradford, Esq.

Supt. Br. Mint,

New Orleans.

Sir.

In consequence of Mr. Bradford's illness, which I deeply regret, both on personal and public grounds, I have judged it proper to direct this letter to you; and I will pray you, should Mr. Bradford be still unable to attend to business, to answer the question of the Secretary of the Treasury. Let me advise you to consult Mr. Maxwell on the subject, as he has become acquainted, since, with the exact operation of the public deposites in the operations of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Your faithful Servant,
R. M. Patterson

To/
Edmund Forstall, Esq.
Treasurer of U.S. Mint,
New Orleans.